



Frederick County Commission For Women

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Public Meeting Minutes November 10, 2015

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Commissioners Present: Annie Jones, Michelle Nusum-Smith, Sharon Dobson, Christine Ferguson, Nina Carr, Rosario Campos, Adrijana Parsell, Olga Hernandez-Smith, Evelyn Stephenson, Shellome Walters, Constance Baptist and Whitney Duck.

Commissioners Absent: Chloe Scott

Guests: Theresa Smith, Marnica Johnson (CFW Intern), Diana Carrillo (CFW Intern), Valerie Dougherty, Jaanai Priest, Brinley Holmes, Amanda Fleet, Shari Scher (speaker), Cindi Diamondstan, Janice Brown, Tanya Davis, Maura Page and Ken Smith.

President Annie Jones called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. A quorum was present at this time.

I. Executive Committee Report

- Guests in attendance acknowledge, introduction of guests and commissioners. Welcome of new Commissioners, Whitney Duck and Constance Baptist.
- Motion was made and seconded to approve the October 13, 2015 minutes as presented. Motion passed.
- Guest Speaker: Shari Scher, Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership. This organization has no paid staff and relies on volunteers and donations. They provide various activities for the children including resource bags when visiting parents in the detention center. They also provide 2 scholarships which are funded by the Women's Giving Circle. They will hold a silent auction on December 8, 2015 at the Delaphaine Center. Every Wednesday, they conduct a group session for the women who are incarcerated to support them with parenting.
- **Office Space** An official thank you was giving to Shellome Walters for her assistance with the donation of new office furniture.
- **Quarterly Financial Report** was distributed for review. The Treasurer provided some explanation for the administrative expense costs that included purchasing file cabinets for the new office and paying the fee for Constant Contact. Research is still be conducted for the county budget request.

II. Old Business

- Naturalization Event- Voters Registration** The Commission for Women registered about 15 new citizens for voting in addition to handing out many forms to be mailed in at a later date.
- 8th Annual Frederick Community Health Fair** The health fair was a success, however, there were not as many guests as last year. The statistics are being compiled and the data will be shared with various agencies.
- County and City Domestic Violence Proclamations** The Commission was represented at both the City and County Proclamation ceremonies to combat domestic violence.
- Domestic Child Sex Trafficking and the Child Welfare Response** is a program funded by the McCain Institute to help stop the trafficking of foster care children. They have also set up a change.org petition to have the media stop using the term "child prostitute" as these children and victims of human trafficking.

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- e. Frederick Housing and Homelessness Event** An event is being planned and overview of the event was given. The strategic plan is on the County website. Goal is to end homelessness in Frederick County by 2025.
- f. Hood College Career Fair** A special thank you was given to Maura Page for displaying the FCCFW booth at the Career Fair.

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III New Business

a. Upcoming events at which the Commission will be present

- i. MLAW conference- November 14th 9:30 to 3:00. CFW will have a representative at this event.

b. Voters Registration Class- Monday November 16 at 6pm at the Board of Elections, The Bourne Building, 355 Montevue Lane, Suite 101 Frederick, MD 21702 (this event was postponed for a later date)

c. SheLEADS pilot leadership development program for high school students

- i. Held an information session for recommended students at Frederick High School
- ii. 15 students have been selected to participate
- iii. Worked with the guidance department to finalize the session times.
 - 1. Session 1: Friday, November 13th from 10:18 to 10:58
 - 2. Session 2: Friday, December 11th from 10:18 to 10:58
 - 3. Session 3: Friday, January 15th from 10:18 to 10:58
 - 4. Session 4 Friday, February 12th from 10:18 to 10:58
- iv. Local author and speaker, Scott Alexander has provided books for the students at a reduced cost, and Christine Ferguson was able to secure a sponsorship to cover the costs. Scott has also agreed to present the second session of the program at no cost.
- v. Met with Tonya Hatosy-Stier, the Program Coordinator for the Women to Women Mentoring to share information and discuss potential for a future partnership.
- vi. Working with the Montgomery County Commission for Women to secure slots for SheLEADS participants in the Emerging Leaders track of the MD Women's Legislative Briefing.

d. Human Trafficking Event

- i. The CFW is partnering with the Human Relations Commission and Heartly House to host a presentation titled, "Innocence Stolen- Protecting Our Children Online" by Vincent DiVivo of the United States Attorney's Office on November 17th at Governor Thomas Jonson High School. 1501 North Market Street, Frederick MD. Doors open at 6pm with presentation at 6:30.

e. Holiday Activities and Sponsorships

- i. December meeting: A potluck dinner will be held prior to the December 8, 2015 Public Meeting. All commissioners, volunteers are guests are invited.
- ii. Annual holiday party for children: Centro Hispano will be holding their annual Holiday Party on December 12, 2015 at 5:00pm at Hillcrest Elementary School for area children. Individual members of the CFW will donate toys and participate with the party.
- iii. Sponsorship of a family: Discussion started about "adopting a family" through Hearty House. The discussion will continue at the December meeting.

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• Commissioner Announcements:

- i. Leadership Alliance Dinner Planning Meeting will be held on November 19 at the CFW Office. Any email will be sent out with more details.
- ii. World AIDS Day is December 1, 2015. A program will be held at Dublin Roasters in the evening. All were invited to attend.
- iii. Constance Baptist volunteered to take head shots for Commissioners that would like to update their member page on the County Website.

III Adjourment With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40pm and the Commission went into closed session to discuss a new application.

*Next Public Meeting: Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 7 p.m. **NEW LOCATION: 2nd Floor of Winchester Hall in the Winchester Room.***

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